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SUBJECT: USG ACCOUNT IN ICEM LOAN FUND: ASSISTANCE TO
EX-USSR REFUGEES RESETTLED BY HIAS

REF: (A) STATE 35950 (B) GENEVA 1594 (C) GENEVA 2753

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS MISSION PREFERENCE FOR PROPOSAL B
REFTEL (B). HOWEVER, USG AUTHORIZED IMPLEMENTATION BY
ICEM OF ANY BAGGAGE LOAN PLAN FOR HIAS RESETTLED EX-USSR
REFUGEES MUST AWAIT SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN HIAS'
COLLECTION RECORD OF ICEM LOANS FOR TRANSPORTATION. AT A
TIME WHEN THERE IS GREAT UNCERTAINTY REGARDING FUTURE
FUNDING OF LOAN FUND ACCOUNTS FOR EX-USSR REFUGEES
(TRAVELING TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ISRAEL), IT WOULD BE
INDEFENSIBLE TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL DRAWDOWN ON ICEM
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 3 BEFORE EFFORTS ARE MADE TO IMPROVE
THIS FUND'S FINANCIAL CONDITION BY HAVING HIAS MAKE A
FORTHRIGHT EFFORT TO MATCH COLLECTION RECORDS OF OTHER
VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

2. IF THERE IS A GOOD CASE TO BE MADE AS TO WHY HIAS

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COLLECTION RATE IS 52 PERCENT, IN CONTRAST TO THE 68 PER-

CENT RATE OF OTHER AGENCIES, POSTPONING IMPLEMENTATION
OF PROPOSAL B COULD BE RECONSIDERED. HOWEVER, IN THE
ABSENCE OF FULL JUSTIFICATION FOR THE HIAS COLLECTION

RECORD, NO BAGGAGE LOANS ARE TO BE MADE TO REFUGEES
RESETTLED BY THAT AGENCY UNTIL HIAS REACHES THE 68
PERCENT COLLECTION RATE ATTAINED BY OTHER VOLUNTARY
AGENCIES FOR TRANSPORTATION LOANS. ROBINSON

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